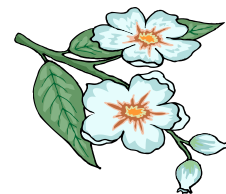


Marshall Area Garden Club



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

President's Message

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All right, already! We've all been out raking, cleaning, and picking up sticks between snow storms and cold spells. No doubt about it, we've had a long, hard winter. In spite of the evidence, it is April and as you can see from various announcements in this newsletter - we have a lot of work to do as a club before our June meeting.

We have all of the gardens for our 2018 "Welcome to My Garden" tour - thanks to **Karla and Mike Love** for your continuing leadership as tour co-chairs. **Shirley Larson** is now identifying and organizing our volunteers. She had the sign-up sheets at our February meeting and will bring them to each of our remaining meetings - so be sure to sign up and take a turn during the tour - it's always fun for everyone. If you can't attend a meeting or don't receive a call, let me know via email and I will pass your name and contact information on to Shirley.

As tour co-chairs, Karla and Mike are also taking charge of spring cleaning of the Fairground beds (Saturday **April 14th 9:00am**). Remember, we are doing this work in exchange for FREE use of the Fairground's area where we hold our Garden Market.

Immediate Past President **Natalie Rector** and 2nd VP **Shirley Clutter** continue to work with the City on our commitments to help with the downtown urns. (Sunday **April 15th 9:30 a.m.**), plant the flowers at the Fountain Circle (Saturday **May 19th 9:30 a.m.**), and oversee the work we started last year on replanting of the West End. A big thanks to Natalie and Shirley.

Club member **Tom Taft** will lead us again in the Carver Park-cleanup 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Monday, **May 7th** (rain date **May 14th**). I know those are both on a Monday, but that is when Tom can be available with his truck and trailer. Thanks Tom!

Election of new officers and approving a new budget must be finalized by our June meeting.

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President's message continued....

That means we will vote on officers and the budget at our May meeting - which means our election slate and proposed budget will be presented at the April meeting - with final elections and budget approval at our May meeting. As noted before, these actions now come at this time of year because with our 501(c) 3 status, we start our fiscal year in June.

Finally, since the fiscal year has changed, **our dues for the 2018-19 year are due by the June meeting.** If you have not done so, please get your dues checks to 2nd VP for Membership, **Shirley Clutter**. She reports that we now have 100 members! Checks can also be sent to our club P.O. Box 924. Thanks Shirley!

Whew...is it summer yet?

President **Steve**

April 17th Meeting

Mary Ann Menck will be the featured speaker at our April meeting. She will share a list of her favorite native plants. We've all heard how using native plants in our gardens is the smart way to go. Mary Ann will go the next step and give practical suggestions on what plants are the best, depending on location, and where to buy them in our area.

Mary Ann has been a member of Kalamazoo Wild Ones for many years, so is well versed in the subject. She earned a Bachelor of Applied and Master's Degree, in Elementary Ed. and Counseling, from WMU.

Mary Ann is traveling from Gobles, so we appreciate her making the long trek to Marshall to share her expertise. We hope you attend, to learn all the pertinent details.

Social Time 6:30, Program/Speaker 7:00, Business Meeting, 8:15pm.
1st VP's of Programs, **Cherie Riser and Janet Schoenmeyer**

District 11B Meeting

District 11B Meeting will be held on April 18, at the Eagle Eye Convention site in Bath at 8am. Through generous member donations, our club is offering a large basket of goodies that some lucky participant will win that day.

Our club will also be represented in a District 11B quilt. **Ellen Thornton** created two lovely quilt squares. One will be chosen to be sewn on the finished product.



Club Member Updates

Member **Janet Schoenmeyer's** new address: 937 Sherman Ct.

Member **Marianne Slick's** new email address: mariannemslick@gmail.com.

Welcome to my Garden Tour and Garden Market July 14 & 15, 2018

The Welcome to my Garden volunteer sign-up sheets will be ready at all regular meetings.

We are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to lead the 2019 Garden Tour, of which we have most of the gardens committed. Give us a call at 269-781-0009 if you would like to talk about the responsibilities.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Mike and Karla Love**

“We Love Michigan” Standard Flower Show Results

“We Love Michigan” was the title and theme for District IIB’s, 20th annual Standard Flower Show held March 15-18. The show’s venue was The Lansing Home and Garden Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing. There were 12 design classes and 31 horticulture classes. Two MAGCI garden club members entered and both placed!

Karla Love entered a design class titled “Life on the Road in Michigan“. Pot holes that menace the Michigan roads were the inspiration for the design. Her container was a car spring found at Collision Center on 15 Mile Rd. Flowers used in the thirty inch high design were yellow roses, orange tulips, baker’s fern and scotch broom. The design was staged on a pedestal 24 x 24 inches. Karla received a second place red ribbon.



Marlene Glotfelty entered an 8 inch design in the Petite Class. The class title was “In the Village”. Marlene used Greenfield Village as her theme. The dried flower arrangement of corn husks, ferns, bittersweet berries and poppy seed heads was in a small antique basket. A hand carved cow was used as an accessory. Marlene received a first place blue ribbon.



May 15th Meeting

Our speaker for the evening is retired MSU faculty member **Mike Klug**, who will give us information concerning our vanishing soil communities and how that problem impacts us in our daily lives. He reports that 25-33 percent of the earth’s biodiversity is found in communities beneath the surface of the soil. These organisms form complex food webs which provide sustained resources to support above ground plant and animal communities Mike will give suggestions of ways in which we can minimize these impacts in the future.

Mike is a retired MSU faculty member. He was a Microbial Ecologist at the Kellogg Biological Station for 34 years. He is currently President of Paw Paw’s Wild Ones. He and his wife Carol, live in Barry County on their 80 acre property, which includes 30 acres of prairie restoration.

Social Time 6:30, Program/Speaker 7:00, Business Meeting, 8:15pm.

1st VP’s of Programs, **Cherie Riser** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**

MAGCI Dues

MAGCI membership renewal is due the months of April and May. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple. Please make your check to MAGCI and pay at the April or May meeting or mail to **Shirley Clutter**, 8751 7 Mile Rd., Battle Creek. If you are renewing, please look up your name in the Program Book to check that all of the info is correct. If not, please notify Shirley, when you pay.

Hazardous Waste Collection Date

Saturday, May 5, 10am-12pm, Marshall
Marshall County Building parking lot

Volunteers Needed!

Per our contract with the Fairgrounds we can do Spring removal of the leaves and any perennials in the beds by Floral Hall, the Fair Office, the Fairground corner sign bed and the Church beds on **Saturday, April 14, from 9 to noon**. This is Spring cleanup day for the entire Fairgrounds and they will take care of the leaves and plant material we rake out. It probably will not take the entire three hours, so if you just want to work an hour that would be helpful. Pray for dry and warm weather. Bring your hedge clippers, rakes and blowers.

Mike and Karla Love, (269-781-0009)

Committee members **Natalie Rector, Shirley Clutter and Diane Peart** report that planting pansies in the downtown urns will be on **Sunday, April 15 at 9:30am**.

Monday, May 7, 8-10am Carver Park clean up, (rain date, May14). Note: these dates are both Mondays morning, due to **Tom Taft's** work schedule.

Saturday, May 19, 9:30am is the date for Fountain Circle planting. The urns will also be replanted with begonias on the same date.